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MOVED: Vietnam veteran Ken Grissam reacts during a ceremony Tuesday at the Veterans War Memorial in Oklahoma City. At Arlington National Cemetery, President Bush laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and defended the war in Iraq, saying it is giving Iraqis a chance at freedom.

Study Faults Job-Site Privacy

NEW YORK | Some career Web sites, recruitment services and automated job-application kiosks offer flimsy privacy protections and might even violate employment and credit laws, a report released Tuesday asserts.

Many job sites still let too much information from resumes get into the hands of third parties through online "cookies" that monitor Web surfing, according to the report, led by Pam Dixon, formerly of the University of Denver's Privacy Foundation and now head of her own group, the World Privacy Forum.

The report also faults self-service job application computers commonly used by chain stores. It says they almost always demand social security numbers and perform background checks on applicants without clearly stating who will see the information.

Dixon is urging job seekers to demand more stringent privacy protections. She also wants the Federal Trade Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to scrutinize how job sites and recruitment services handle information. **BRIAN BERGSTEIN (AP)**

Slow Iraq Progress Reviewed

Top U.S. official summoned for talks on speeding reforms

WASHINGTON | Frustrated with the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, President George W. Bush's national security advisers questioned the top American administrator in Iraq on Tuesday about how to break a political logjam in Baghdad.

L. Paul Bremer was summoned unexpectedly from Baghdad to a White House meeting with top administration officials. His hurried departure caught his staff by surprise and forced him to cancel a planned meeting with Poland's prime minister, Leszek Miller.

There have been concerns about the governing council's performance, a senior administration official said, particularly the lack of progress toward a Dec. 15 deadline to set a timetable for writing a new constitution and holding democratic elections.

Some U.S. officials believe that key members of the 25-member Iraqi council are stalling in hopes of winning concessions from American leaders under political pressure to turn over power to the Iraqis.

The White House talks, like Bremer's return to Washington a few weeks earlier, were part of a process to energize and accelerate political, military and especially security arrangements in Iraq, administration officials said. **TERENCE HUNT (AP)**



Bremer

It's a Dog's Life: *Triumph the Insult Comic Dog* can scoff if he wants, but the new *Sparks* record is a yummy treat. Also, sit! for Eskimo



dances; stay! for Cherry Red's "Anger Box"; and resist the urge to bite the writers of "The West Wing." **ENTERTAINMENT** | 11-13

EyeOpeners



RECORDS A Piercing Gaze

Some people spend their spare time collecting stamps or playing cards. Elaine Davidson pokes metal studs through her skin. "Piercing is my stress relief," she told Reuters. The native Brazilian and Guinness World Record-holder for most body piercings — 1,903 at last count — was on hand in London on Tuesday to celebrate the release of the record book's 100 millionth copy. She joined luminaries like the world's loudest belcher and Britain's tallest man. (EXPRESS)

FAST FOOD Urine Trouble

Nineteen employees were fired from a Scottsville, N.Y., Burger King after employees were found to have contaminated food, recently filed court papers say. The documents, submitted as part of a 2001 food contami-

nation case, contain testimony from former Burger King employees saying that not only did workers spit in food, but "60 to 100 sandwich patties ... were broiled after having been contaminated by urine," the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle reported Monday. (EXPRESS)

HEARSAY | FOUND

"It's amazing to think after 68 years, he would want to get in touch with me."

— LOUISE FOWLER OF REDMOND, ORE., WHO RECENTLY REGAINED CONTACT WITH FORMER FIANCE ROY DOMIGAN. THE TWO, NOW 83 AND 90, WERE SEPARATED IN 1935 AFTER FOWLER'S PARENTS SENT HER AWAY TO PREVENT THE MARRIAGE.

WORKPLACE Bring on the Solitaire

Playing computer games at work could improve employees' productivity and job satisfaction, scientists at the Dutch University of Utrecht say. The study says workers who were allowed a quick game worked more effectively than others because their brains were allowed to concentrate briefly on something other than work tasks, the BBC reports. (EXPRESS)

ANIMAL WATCH With Friends Like These ...

A University of Chicago researcher studying the social habits of baboons says that males attempting to cultivate friendship will often get a bit intimate to seal the deal. Doctoral student Jessica Whitham told the Chicago Sun-Times the animals will make eye contact, approach with a tell-tale swagger and then grab onto each other's genitals. She says the move is meant as a demonstration of trust rather than a sexual advance. (EXPRESS)



WHO KNEW? The publisher of the Merriam-Webster dictionary says "McJob" is here to stay. McDonald's criticized the dictionary's decision to include the word in its latest edition. "McJob" is defined as a low-paying task with little room for advancement. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Bishops Consider Statement Condemning Gay Unions

U.S. Roman Catholic bishops were asked Tuesday to issue a statement opposing same-sex unions and urging state governments to recognize only marriages between men and women. The document would reinforce church teaching that gay sex is a sin. The bishops will debate the document and decide whether to approve it later in their national meeting, which ends Thursday. (AP)

TRENTON, N.J.

Family in Starvation Case Seeking to Regain Custody

The biological children of a couple charged with starving their four adopted sons say the boys, who weighed no more than 45 pounds each, had eating disorders and were never denied food. Raymond and Vanessa Jackson were charged with aggravated assault and child endangerment last month. The boys, ages 9 to 19, each stood no more than 4 feet tall and weighed 45 pounds or less when they were found by authorities. They say in an interview with CBS that they want to regain custody of the boys. (AP)

DALLAS

Formerly Conjoined Twin's Condition Upgraded to 'Good'

Formerly conjoined twin Ahmed Ibrahim has been upgraded to good condition, joining his brother Mohamed Ibrahim at that level, according to a hospital statement. The 2-year-old Egyptian boys, who were joined at the top of their heads, were separated a month ago in 34 hours of surgery. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Two More Officials Leave Kerry Campaign Staff

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's press secretary and deputy finance director quit Tuesday, adding to the turmoil on Kerry's political staff after the dismissal of his campaign manager. Robert Gibbs, chief spokesman for the Massachusetts lawmaker, and Carl Chidlow quit to protest the firing of campaign manager Jim Jordan, let go by Kerry Sunday night. (AP) ♦ **Complete coverage:** The latest on the 2004 presidential race at washingtonpost.com

VETERANS DAY | RIVETED



'ROSIES' RECOGNIZED: Louise Mohr of Silver Spring, Md., Maude Hall and Marian Sousa, both of Richmond, Calif., and Phyllis Gould of Fairfax, Calif., flex the famous "Rosie the Riveter" pose at an event honoring World War II-era factory workers at the Ford Assembly Building in Richmond, Calif., on Tuesday.

Girl Scout Troop's Beaver Traps Upset Activists

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA | Let other Girl Scouts make bird feeders out of Clorox bottles and glue together little birch-bark canoes — Troop 34 in Alaska is learning to trap and skin beavers. In a practice that has angered animal rights activists, the girls are killing the beavers as part of a state flood-management program.

"We think it sends a very, very bad message that when animals cause a problem you kill them," said Stephanie Boyles of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

In a Sept. 16 letter to PETA, Girl Scouts spokeswoman Courtney Shore said the group doesn't promote trapping or hunting, or offer merit badges for those activities. (AP)



Girl Scouts remove sticks and snow placed over two beaver snares near Fairbanks, Alaska, earlier this year.

HEARSAY | SERVICE

"The loss is terrible ... [but] I want these families to know: Your loved ones served in a good and just cause."

—PRESIDENT BUSH
ON U.S. DEATHS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

Millionaire Acquitted in Murder Case**Robert Durst was charged with killing, dismembering neighbor**

GALVESTON, TEXAS | New York real estate heir Robert Durst, who said he accidentally killed a hotheaded neighbor in self-defense and then chopped up the body because he feared no one would believe him, was found innocent Tuesday of murder.

The jury took five days to reach the verdict, bringing a startling end to a grisly case that began to unfold when trash bags containing pieces of 71-year-old Morris Black started washing up along Galveston Bay in 2001.

The 60-year-old millionaire, who appeared stunned when he heard the verdict, hugged



Durst

his attorneys, saying, "Thank you so much."

Durst remains under suspicion in the 1982 disappearance of his first wife and the 2000 shooting death of her friend Susan Berman, a Los Angeles writer who was set to be questioned about the missing woman. He has not been charged in either case.

If he had been convicted, Durst could have been sentenced to five to 99 years in prison. JUAN A. LOZANO (AP)

Senators to Wage All-Night Debate**Extended session follows two years of strife over judicial appointments**

WASHINGTON | It's a grudge that's been building for two years.

In a legislative version of "Survivor," Republicans and Democrats will square off Wednesday in an all-night Senate talkathon on who's to blame for some of President Bush's political nominees not making it to the federal appeals bench.

While both parties hope the debate will mobilize their political bases, the contestants already know the winner: the status quo.

For 30 straight hours — from Wednesday evening through midnight Thursday — senators will condemn each other and Bush for the impasse over four U.S. Appeals Court nominees: Alabama Attorney General William Pryor, Texas judge Priscilla Owen, Mississippi judge Charles Pickering and Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada.

Democrats have refused to allow confirmation votes, and Republicans have not been able to

get the 60 votes to force them in a Senate that is split with 51 GOP senators, 48 Democrats and one independent. Frustrated at the delays, Estrada withdrew his nomination in September.

Republicans hope the all-night Senate session — the first to go past 4 a.m. since 1992 — will swing public favor and maybe some campaign cash their way during the winter break.

The Senate has confirmed 168 of Bush's judicial nominees, and Democrats have blocked four.

JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

MARATHON MEETINGS

The Senate has used extended sessions to argue a number of contentious issues, including:

- **1915:** Ship Purchase Act debate — 54 hours, 10 minutes
- **1948:** Closing session — 44 hours, 14 minutes.
- **1957:** Civil rights debate — 38 hours, 59 minutes.
- **1960:** Civil rights debate — 125 hours, 16 minutes.
- **1988:** Senate Election Campaign Act — 57 hours, 24 minutes.

Ethics Trial Begins for Ala. Chief Justice

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | With his job at stake, suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore goes on trial before a judicial panel Wednesday for defying an order to move his Ten Commandments monument

from the rotunda of the state courthouse.

It would take a unanimous vote of the Court of the Judiciary to remove Moore, who is halfway into his six-year term. He could also

be suspended or reprimanded if the court concludes he violated standards of judicial ethics.

Moore's suspension and the removal of the monument set off two weeks of protests by his supporters, some of whom camped for days in front of the building. (AP)

World

Fear of Saddam's Return Hurts U.S.

Top soldier bristles at suggestions war in Iraq resembles Vietnam

BAGHDAD | America's top soldier in Iraq said Tuesday a "blanket of fear" that Saddam Hussein will return prevents Iraqis from giving U.S. troops intelligence vital to curb the growing insurgency.

"If we could eliminate this fear and they know that that regime will not return, then I think we will get a lot of cooperation," Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said.

Late Tuesday, insurgents fired mortars toward the U.S. headquarters compound, known as the "Green Zone," in Baghdad. The Coalition Provisional Authority said there was no damage to the headquarters.

Despite the mounting violence, Sanchez angrily dismissed comparisons between Iraq and Vietnam.

"It is not Vietnam," Sanchez snapped when asked whether Iraq resembled the early days of that conflict.

Sanchez said U.S. forces intended to "get pretty tough" against the insurgency. "The stark reality is that, militarily, they cannot defeat us, and they know it." HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)



A U.S. soldier secures the site of a bomb blast in Baghdad Tuesday. The explosion near a courthouse wounded six people.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **An explosion on a road** frequently used by British troops killed six civilians in the southern city of Basra, hospital and Iraqi police officials said Tuesday.

→ **The head of Iraq's oil ministry** said the giant Majnoon field in the south is producing 50,000 barrels of oil a day for the first time since the end of major combat.

▶ **One family's war-time trials:** Madhlum Jassam is attempting to rebuild his life after a U.S. missile destroyed his family's home last March | Today's Post: Section A

6 Die in Dominican Republic Clashes

SANTO DOMINGO | At least six people died as police and soldiers clashed with rock-throwing protesters Tuesday, witnesses said.

Demonstrators blocked roads with flaming tire barricades and marched through the streets to protest rolling blackouts and the rising cost of gas and food. At least six people were killed in separate clashes with police and soldiers, and more

than 100 were injured, said Ramon Perez Figueroa with the Council of Unified Transportation Workers Union, which helped organize the strike. The military denied responsibility for the deaths.

Protests over power outages and the declining economy have turned violent previously, leaving more than a dozen people dead over the past year. (AP)

In Brief

RUSSIA

Court: No Bail for Oil Tycoon

A court rejected a bid Tuesday by oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky to be released from jail before his trial. The Moscow City Court did not explain its decision to deny bail for Khodorkovsky, who faces tax evasion and fraud charges. He was arrested Oct. 25 amid an investigation of his oil company, Yukos, that critics said was a Kremlin-backed bid to curb his financial clout and funding of opposition political parties. (AP)

PAKISTAN

Embassy in London to Be Debugged After Spy Rumors

Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri said Pakistan has begun the expensive process of debugging its embassy in London. The British government has refused to confirm or deny reports that its intelligence agents were involved in a bungled spy operation there, Kasuri said. (AP)



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World

Troops Skirmish in Afghan Mountains

New anti-terrorism force clashes with insurgents, killing 1

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | American and Afghan ground forces backed by helicopter gunships fought two groups of insurgents, killing one person, in the first clashes of Operation Mountain Resolve, an anti-terrorism operation in the snowy mountains of eastern Afghanistan, the U.S. military said Tuesday. No coalition troops were hurt.

U.S. military spokesman Col. Rodney Davis said soldiers from the Army's 10th Mountain Division

were hunting for anti-coalition forces in rugged Nuristan province, where the fighting is taking place around 13,000 feet above sea level. "It is the most dangerous terrain we have operated in since we've been in Afghanistan," Davis said. The anti-terrorism operation was launched Friday.

Far to the south, a car bomb damaged two U.N. offices near Kandahar, injuring two people, and a top policeman blamed al Qaeda and Taliban insurgents, which have stepped up attacks against Afghanistan's central government two years after the hard-liners were driven from power by a U.S.-led coalition. JONATHAN FOWLER (AP)

GERMANY | TRAIN STOPPING



STANDOFF: Police guard anti-nuclear protesters in Rohstorf, southeast of Hamburg, on Tuesday. A train carrying radioactive waste from a reprocessing plant in France was halted for 1 1/2 hours as police cleared some 150 people from the tracks. The train is bound for a dump in northern Germany.

Fence to Enclose 14% of West Bank

JERUSALEM | Israel's security barrier will eventually carve off 14 percent of the West Bank, trap 274,000 Palestinians in tiny enclaves and block 400,000 others from their jobs, schools and hospitals, a U.N. report released Tuesday said.

The string of walls, razor wire, ditches and fences has enflamed already high tensions. Palestinians say the snaking barricade is an

Israeli attempt to seize land they claim for a future state.

Israel says the barrier is meant to keep out Palestinian militants responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Israelis in the past three years of violence. About 90 miles of the barrier has been completed around the West Bank, mainly following the invisible boundary with Israel. RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

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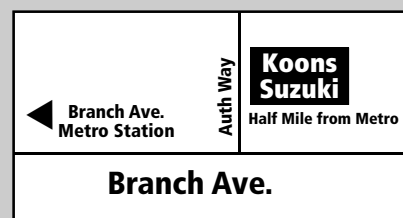
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Region

Fire Placed on Arson List

Officials in Md., D.C. believe 31 suspicious blazes are connected

WASHINGTON | Arson investigators in the Washington area added a Tuesday morning fire to the list of 31 unsolved cases they believe are linked to the same unknown suspect or group.

A joint task force, primarily made up of arson investigators from Prince George's County and the District of

Columbia, has been coordinating all investigations of suspicious fires. The group has conclusively linked 10 fires and one attempted arson through evidence collected at the scenes.

Since March 5 there have been 18 arsons and one attempted fire set in the District, and 12 arsons in Prince George's, all of which are considered similar in nature.

"Because of the nature of the crime and the need for us to be thorough in our analysis, solving these cases is going to take

some time," said Chief Ronald D. Blackwell, of Prince George's Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.



Blackwell

The latest blaze occurred in Northeast Washington around 2:45 a.m. Tuesday. A resident of the home was awake, smelled the smoke

and quickly sprayed water on the flames after summoning firefighters. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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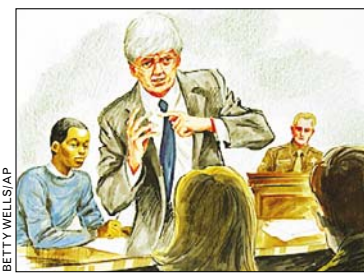
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Malvo Jury Selection Continues at Brisk Pace

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | The judge in the capital murder trial of sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo qualified enough potential jurors for trial Tuesday, and lawyers will pick the final group Wednesday.

Among those accepted were a retired teacher of 40 years, a Coast Guard veteran, a hospital worker and a woman who said she was "95 percent sure" she could not impose the death penalty because of her religious beliefs. Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush said the woman indicated she would follow the court's instructions, despite her beliefs.

From the final pool of 28, prosecutors and defense lawyers each will have six peremptory strikes to reduce the jury to 12 plus four alter-



Lee Boyd Malvo lawyer Craig Cooley addresses potential jurors on Tuesday.

nates. Opening statements are set for Thursday.

Malvo, 18, is charged with two counts of capital murder in the killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. His lawyers are arguing that he is not guilty by reason of insanity.

ADRIENNE SCHWISOW (AP)

Filling the box: Timothy Dwyer follows the progress of Malvo's trial while Tamara Jones monitors John Allen Muhammad's case | washingtonpost.com/metro

Navy Grads Seek Gay Alumni Chapter

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Thirty-two former midshipmen outed themselves to the Naval Academy on Veterans Day in an effort to establish the first gay and lesbian chapter of a U.S. service academy alumni association.

"The objective we had was to come out to our school, and that's what we did today," said Jeff Petrie, a 1989 graduate who is organizing the would-be chapter, called USNA Out.

Petrie and Paula Neira, a 1985

graduate and a veteran of Desert Storm, met Tuesday with David Church, director of career programs at the Naval Academy Alumni Association. Petrie filed the chapter's "recognition request letter," its bylaws and a roster of 32 members.

The request now will be processed and passed to the association's board of trustees for review, Church said.

None of the chapter's members still serve in the military. (AP)

In Brief

FREDERICK, MD.

Rolle Will Challenge Bartlett

Frederick County State's Attorney Scott L. Rolle said Tuesday he will challenge U.S. Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett for the 6th District seat in the March 2 Republican primary. The 42-year-old prosecutor said he will formally kick off his campaign at a rally Wednesday in Frederick. (AP)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

UVa. Student Charged With Murder Following Stabbing

A University of Virginia student was charged with second-degree murder after a Free Union man was stabbed to death near the school. Andrew Robert Alston, 21, is accused of killing Walker Sisk about 2 a.m. Saturday on the Corner, an area dominated by bars and restaurants. Sisk, 22, and two other volunteer firefighters had been bar-hopping the night of the slaying, said one of the volunteers, James Reinhold. (AP)

THE DISTRICT

Various Leaders Discuss Solutions to Ballou Violence

School officials, community leaders and police met Tuesday to discuss the gang-related melee involving about a dozen students at Ballou High School in Southeast. The school was closed Tuesday for Veterans Day, and additional police and private guards were scheduled to be on hand when classes resumed Wednesday. At the start of school Wednesday, students will be brought to the gym for a group counseling session. (AP)

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Money

Taxpayers Taken for a Ride

\$167 million power-wheelchair scam uncovered

WASHINGTON | In a fast-growing new Medicare swindle, providers of motorized wheelchairs are accused of fraudulently charging the government for tens of millions of dollars in chairs that were never provided to the elderly.

Investigations under way in nearly two-dozen states have identified \$167 million in fraudulent claims, officials told The Associated Press. Medicare's crackdown has recovered \$52.5 million so far.

By law, Medicare can pay 80 per-

cent of the cost of motorized wheelchairs and the rest is often covered by other insurance companies. Some suppliers, investigators said, have charged Medicare for wheelchairs costing \$5,000 or more while providing customers with much cheaper motorized scooters.

Medicare's 80 percent share for the wheelchairs grew from \$22.3 million in 1995 to \$663.1 million in 2002. That total already has been surpassed in the first nine months of 2003. LARRY MARGASAK (AP)

WHEELS OF FORTUNE

Investigators say the cases could include:

- Equipment company suppliers who submit phony claims.
- Doctors who take kickbacks for writing prescriptions.
- People in malls offering free medical equipment to anyone who'll sign up for a wheelchair.
- Conspirators who stage fake deliveries, complete with pictures of patients who pose with their power chairs for a fee.

Report: IRS Lax On Tax Preparers

WASHINGTON | The IRS has ordered \$2.4 million in penalties against tax preparers in the past two years but has collected only \$291,000, raising questions about toleration of poor performance, congressional auditors say.

Less than half of the penalized preparers paid any fine, according to investigators from the General Accounting Office.

Leaders of the Senate Finance Committee said the findings, to be released this week, demonstrate that the IRS needs to reorder its priorities now that more than half the people filing tax returns use paid preparers. MARY DALRYMPLE (AP)

Wal-Mart Workers File Class-Action Lawsuit

NEWARK, N.J. | Workers arrested in federal raids last month filed a racketeering lawsuit accusing Wal-Mart of conspiring with contractors in a criminal enterprise that violated the civil rights and wage protections of immigrants who cleaned its stores.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in federal court, seeks class-action status for perhaps thousands of immigrants, legal and illegal, hired by the contractors, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, James L. Linsey, said Tuesday.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified

monetary damages and an injunction barring Wal-Mart from further violations. Linsey said the action replaces a suit filed in state court last week by the same workers that sought more than \$200,000 in back pay.

The nine named plaintiffs were among 250 people arrested.

A Wal-Mart spokeswoman said the claims have no merit and the company will seek to have the lawsuit dismissed.

Also sued were four New Jersey contracting firms and their principals. JEFFREY GOLD (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Oakley	12.75	+1.83	+16.8
SGL Crb	4.90	+4.2	+9.4
Sybase	19.83	+1.30	+7.0
Too Inc	19.50	+1.20	+6.6
Unif	4.81	+2.8	+6.2

Losers

ChiYuc	26.70	-5.78	-17.8
BradPhm	26.68	-4.37	-14.1
IntlPower	19.40	-2.33	-10.7
Thai	7.95	-.95	-10.7
AK Steel	2.69	-.31	-10.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ebix.cm	8.79	+2.79	+46.5
USGlobal	3.73	+1.03	+38.1
GameTc	3.99	+.82	+25.9
Intelligr	6.00	+1.21	+25.3
InfoNow	2.70	+.53	+24.5

Losers

Imunmd	3.38	-3.87	-53.4
VertxPh	8.00	-4.65	-36.8
TierTech	7.62	-2.43	-24.2
WhiteElec	8.55	-2.33	-21.4
ConcurTch	9.31	-2.08	-18.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	n-a	0.93
2-year	n-a	1.85
10-year	n-a	4.30
30-year	n-a	5.13

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6006	.5982	.6303
Canadian Dollar	1.3122	1.3111	1.5696
European Euro	.8689	.8699	.9896
Japanese Yen	108.67	108.37	119.52
Mexican Peso	10.9710	10.9490	10.3375
Taiwanese Dollar	34.02	33.97	34.41

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-18.74	-10.89	-0.54
-0.19	-0.56	-0.05
9737.79	1930.75	1046.57

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	42.32	-.73	+13.5
Comcast	31.83	-.87	+35.0
Comc sp	30.40	-.87	+34.6
CoxCom	33.76	-.24	+18.9
Disney	23.12	-.03	+41.8
Fox Ent	28.63	-1.05	+10.4
Gannett	85.13	+.18	+18.6
GM H	16.01	-.56	+49.6
GTelevisa	40.06	-.74	+43.4
LibtyMA	10.05	-.24	+12.4
LibtyMB	10.45	-.10	+13.6
NewsCorp	35.96	-1.04	+37.0
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Sports

Eagles Have a Knack for Coming Back

After losing first two games, Philadelphia in position for playoffs

PRO FOOTBALL | The Philadelphia Eagles are becoming quite a comeback team.

For the fourth straight week, the Eagles won a game in which they trailed or were tied in the fourth quarter, rallying to beat the Green Bay Packers 17-14 in the final minute Monday night at Lambeau Field.

After struggling through the first three quarters, the Eagles' offense scored two touchdowns in the final 10 minutes, including Donovan McNabb's winning 6-yard



Donovan McNabb's play has improved as the Eagles' winning streak has grown.

TD pass to Todd Pinkston with 27 seconds left.

The victory allowed the Eagles

(6-3) to stay one game behind the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC East. After starting the season with two losses at home, the Eagles have won six of seven and are in position to make a run at their third consecutive trip to the NFC championship game. Only the Cowboys and Carolina Panthers, both 7-2, have more wins than Philadelphia.

McNabb, criticized for his poor performance in the first six games, had his third straight solid effort. He finished 15-of-31 for 198 yards, one TD passing, and added 26 yards rushing and his first TD on the ground this season. **ROB MAADDI (AP)**

Branching out: Mark Maske reports that Washington Redskins coach Steve Spurrier will start focusing more attention on the team's defense | Today's Post, Sports

Commission Initiates Hearing Regarding PEPCO Service Interruptions

On Thursday, November 13, 2003, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") will host a Community Hearing on the outages caused by the August 2003 thunderstorms and Hurricane Isabel. The purpose of the hearing is to allow interested persons to comment on the outages caused by the August 2003 thunderstorms and Hurricane Isabel. Those who wish to testify should contact the Commission Secretary, by 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 13, 2003, at (202) 626-5150. Persons who wish to testify in Spanish, Chinese or Korean must contact the Commission Secretary, by the close of business, Wednesday, November 12, 2003, to apply to the Commission for the appointment of a qualified interpreter to translate for them at the Community Hearing. For those unable to offer comments at the hearing, written statements are acceptable and should be submitted to the Commission Secretary, District of Columbia Public Service Commission, 1333 H Street, N.W., Suite 200, West Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Who: The District of Columbia Public Service Commission

What: Community Hearing

When: Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: District of Columbia Public Service Commission
Hearing Room, 7th Floor, East Tower
1333 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005



Maryland Limping Into Virginia Game

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | The Maryland Terrapins will be without two of their top running backs Thursday night when they play host to Virginia in a game that should go a long way toward determining Maryland's postseason plans.

Bruce Perry, the sixth-leading rusher in school history, has been sidelined by a severe ankle sprain and will almost certainly be held out of the game at Byrd Stadium.

Despite seeing limited action this season because of injuries, Perry ranks second on the Terrapins with 94 carries and 389 yards rushing — only slightly behind Josh Allen, who has gained 461 yards on 106 carries.

Sammy Maldonado is lost for the season after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery on Tuesday, meaning Allen will get the majority of the work Thursday night. **(AP)**



Perry

In Brief

SOCCER

Manchester to Return to U.S.

Manchester United is coming back to the United States for another pre-season tour next summer, coach Alex Ferguson announced Tuesday. Two of the scheduled three games will be at Giants Stadium and Chicago's Soldier Field. The site of the third game and the three opponents have not been finalized. **(AP)**

PRO FOOTBALL

Boller Has Surgery, Ravens Sign Lucas as Backup QB

Baltimore Ravens rookie quarterback Kyle Boller underwent surgery on his left leg Tuesday, but remains hopeful that he can return this season. Ravens trainer Bill Tessenford said Boller "could be ready to play in four to six weeks," and general manager Ozzie Newsome said the team does not plan to place Boller on injured reserve. But the Ravens signed quarterback Ray Lucas on Tuesday as a backup to Chris Redman and Anthony Wright. **(AP)**

Halladay Claims AL Cy Young Award

PRO BASEBALL | Toronto's Roy Halladay won the American League Cy Young Award on Tuesday, easily beating Chicago's Esteban Loaiza.

Halladay, who won a major league-high 22 games, received 26 first-place votes and two seconds for 136 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Boston's Pedro Martinez finished third in the voting.

Halladay finished 22-7 with a 3.25 ERA this year, winning 15 consecutive decisions from May 1 to July 27 and tying for the AL lead



Toronto's Roy Halladay led the majors with 22 victories this season.

with nine complete games. **(AP)**

Today's TV Lineup

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) The struggling Washington Capitals host the Carolina Hurricanes.

PRO BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) The San Antonio Spurs visit the New Jersey Nets in a rematch of last year's NBA finals.

PRO BASKETBALL (9:30 p.m. on ESPN) The Detroit Pistons, off to a 5-1 start under

new coach Larry Brown, visit the Golden State Warriors (3-3).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 p.m. on ESPN) Marshall and Miami (Ohio), who are both undefeated in the Mid-American Conference, square off.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (8 p.m. on Comcast) A scrimmage between the Maryland Terrapins and EA Sports All-Stars.



INTO THE MAEL-STROM: Ron and Russell, formerly art-pop geeks known for novelty numbers, are raking in the accolades.

From Sparks to Flames

For the Mael brothers, it wasn't enough to retire as new wave's cleverest geeks

PERSONALITY | If you didn't know better, the reviews on a certain new album might make you think you'd stumbled onto the Great Pop Find of 2003.

"A masterpiece of pop art," the London Independent raved of the album, "Lil' Beethoven."

"Nine songs of lethal grandeur," Rolling Stone noted.

The hot band with the exciting

new direction in pop turns out to be a couple of middle-aged L.A. dudes who've been making records for 31 years: brothers Russell and Ron Mael, a.k.a. Sparks.

To some, it's always seemed a minor miracle that the siblings with the quirky sense of humor ever got into the music business at all. That they've not only survived for more than three decades but also have

come up with what Mojo magazine lauded as "what the world's been waiting for: Sparks' 'Kid A,'" is, by most standards in pop music, little short of astonishing.

"One reason we've been able to do what we do is that we never put our music into any kind of historical perspective," says Ron, 53, who long ago developed a comically unnerving German Expressionistic perso-

na as a foil to 47-year-old singer Russell's slightly underfed rock-star image.

The combination has made them L.A. rock's enduring odd couple, unlikely players on a scene in which they've long survived on the periphery.

But the Maels have never veered so far into the avant-garde as to abandon the pop scene they genuinely love.

Brimming as it is with in-jokes and one-liners, "Lil' Beethoven" is nevertheless a serious-minded exploration of the ills of the music business in particular and Western culture in general, rife with lyrical and musical jabs.

"We wanted songs that would still have the aggression of pop music but in other ways than the traditional band format," Russell says. "We had to find a way to do that. And we came up with these really biting string parts and aggressive massed vocals."

"Every time we were about two weeks away from having that talk about whether to continue," Russell says, "something would click somewhere and that would buy us another five years of not having to have that conversation, or question our artistry Now we have a kind of faith that something will work out. Because historically, it always has."

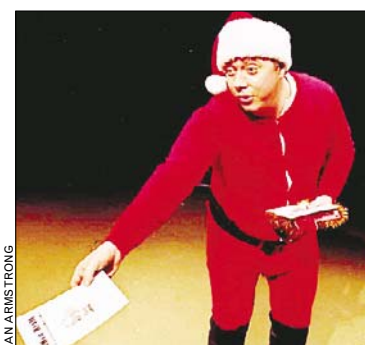
RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



LAST CHANCE: Learn about Wagner's majestic "Die Walkure" through musical illustrations and — yes, it's the one with "Kill the Wabbit." *sigh* Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600.

Top Stops

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Stage Rage: 'Anger Box' at Source

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That Dirty Dog

COMEDY | He's the foulest-talking canine since Snoop and the most famous hand puppet on late-night TV. He's Triumph the Insult Comic Dog, and he just unleashed a new CD, "Come Poop With Me" (Warner Bros.).

For the uninitiated, Triumph is the bawdy cigar-chewing rottweiler who made his debut in 1997 on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien." Since then, he's humped contestants at the Westminster Dog Show and triumphed in a lawsuit against a sock puppet.

He's excoriated New Age musician John Tesh, asked permission to sniff J.Lo's butt and

popularized the catchphrase: "... for me to poop on!"

The man behind the scatological canine is Robert Smigel, a vet-



Triumph at Benji's 1997 roast. OK, not.

eran writer for "Late Night" and "Saturday Night Live." His invention is a reject Muppet channeling insult-comic king Don Rickles, whom Triumph even thanks in the liner notes of the new CD.

The album and an accompanying DVD include songs performed at Triumph's live gigs. With guest stars like Adam Sandler and Jack Black, Triumph exposes the X-rated wild life of the animal kingdom in numbers like "Underage Bichon," "Benji's Queer" and, of course, "Lick Myself."

After more than an hour of poop and poodle-sex jokes, it's obvious that Triumph won't be learning any new tricks. But for a certain class of fan, the concept of a profane, perverted talking dog will never wear thin. JOHN JURGENSEN (THE

HARTFORD COURANT)



TopStops

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Wednesday Warrior: 'Last Samurai' Preview

2 "The Art of the Samurai," part lecture, part hype, includes preview "footage" of the upcoming film "The Last Samurai," a discussion with directors Edward Zwick and producer Marshall Herskovitz, and a lecture on Samurai culture with martial-arts expert Mike Chaturantabut. And stand back — there will be a demonstration, but no one knows of what.

Freer Gallery, 12th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 7 p.m., \$18-\$23; 202-357-3030. (Smithsonian)

Homegrown Art: Eskimo Dances

3 "Homegrown: The Music of America" closes with two performances by Chuna McIntyre and the Nunamta Yup'ik Eskimo Dancers. McIntyre weaves Eskimo stories, sounds and images to create his narrative dances.

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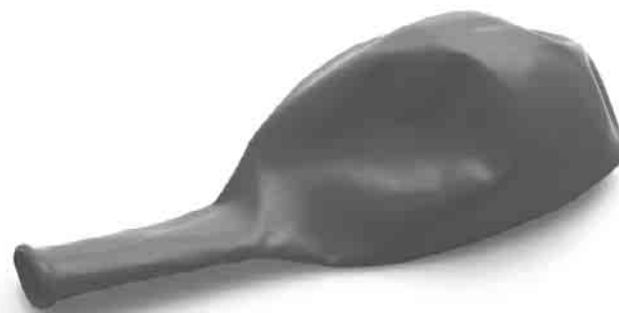
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GEE, THE BUILDINGS ARE TALL
ED (8 p.m., NBC) The normally effervescent bowling alley lawyer has hit a rough patch. It took three seasons for Ed to get Carol (Julie Bowen) to become his girlfriend. Now, in a welcome plot twist, Carol has decided to pursue her dream job, writing for a New York magazine.

This gives "Ed" plenty of chances to exploit the difference between big-city sophistication and Stuckyville's eccen-

tric charms. Ed becomes hostile when Carol returns home with a handsome and groovy New York photographer, and feels like a fish out of water during his own weekend trips to the big city. Which doesn't make sense, considering the fact that Ed's character lived in Manhattan for years.

But the city vs. small-town humor on "Ed" is Moliere-like compared to the crude stereotyping found on **A MINUTE WITH STAN HOOPER** (8:30 p.m., Fox). Tonight, he encounters a pool shark. Yes, it's a regular River City.



Ed (Tom Cavanagh) bellies up to the bar with Lloyd (Timothy Busfield).

DANGEROUS CROSSING

SECRETS OF THE DEAD (8 p.m., PBS) returns to "Bridge on the River Kwai." The bridge was part of 260-mile railway, linking Burma and Thailand, built in record time by the Japanese Imperial Army during WWII.

A miracle of engineering, the railway was also a war crime. The Japanese put more the 200,000 American, British, Dutch and other prisoners of war to work on the construction project, and thousands of them were beaten, worked and starved to death in the process.

NEVER CHALLENGE THE

CAPITOL BUILDING TO A FIGHT THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) OK, how many of us cringed last week when Josh jumped out of the cab in front of the Capitol and started screaming lines from "On the Waterfront"?

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THE O.C. (9 p.m., Fox) Julie's secret is revealed.

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Cars

The Lease Laws

VALUES | In a new study of how well car values hold up, American auto makers are losing ground to Japanese and European brands.

The biggest surprises were in areas once dominated by Detroit: big SUVs and pickup trucks. The study projects that Japanese brands such as Honda Motor Co., Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co. will have better resale values after three years than competing U.S. brands such as Chevrolet, Ford and Dodge. For example, the best full-size pick-up according to the study is the Toyota Tundra. The worst? The Dodge Ram 1500.

The study was released Monday by Automotive Lease Guide, whose figures are widely used by banks and

finance companies to set prices for leases. The lower the resale value, the higher the monthly payment.

That's why a \$21,200 Mini Cooper would cost roughly the same per month as a \$12,300 Kia Rio — \$289 for the Mini vs. \$279 for the Kia, according to ALG. Such comparisons help explain why higher-priced luxury car makers can make their products affordable to consumers who otherwise would have bought a less prestigious brand. KAREN LUNDEGAARD (WSJ)

The Kia Rio isn't as cheap as you think.



A LESSON IN LEASING

A sampling of the 2004 vehicles that will have the highest — and lowest — resale values after three years, according to the Automotive Lease Guide.

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BEST RATED: Honda Accord
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Cars

It's Hip to Be Square

The Toyota Scion xB shows us the shape of things to come

ROAD TEST | After spending a week driving a Scion xB — the flagship of Toyota Motor Corp.'s new youth-directed brand Scion — I would like to publicly apologize to Volvo for all the times I accused its products of being boxy. Clearly, I didn't know from boxy.

Styled with a T-square, a plumb bob and a cheese cutter, the Scion xB takes the concept of boxiness and sexes it up to new, almost platonic levels. You can well imagine somebody in Plato's cave seeing the xB's shadow on the wall and saying, "What the heck is that? ... Oh, silly me, it's just a box."

This car is aimed squarely at the most subversive subset of Gen-Y, trendsetters who are abandoning the sport compact movement as it goes mainstream, a la "The Fast and the Furious." The xB is to the sleek-and-low styling of sporty imports what chainsaw sculpture is to the Italian Renaissance.

The Scion brand was launched in California in June. (It bows elsewhere in February.) Thus far, the xB has outsold its stablemate, the sport-hatch xA, by almost 2 to 1. Chunky monkeys such as the Honda Element and the Suzuki Aerio SX have also found audiences.

It all started with the Japanese market kei mini-cars — urban runabouts narrow enough to squeeze



BOXING DAY: The Scion xB is so ugly it's cute. It's also cheap and aimed at Gen Y.

2004 SCION XB

POWERTRAIN: 1.5-liter inline-4 engine with variable-valve timing; four-speed automatic or five-speed manual transmission; front-wheel drive
LENGTH: 155.3 inches

WHEELBASE: 98.4 inches

WEIGHT: 2,450 pounds

ACCELERATION: zero to 60 mph in 10.6 seconds

MILEAGE: 30 mpg city, 34 highway

BASE PRICE: \$14,480 (with automatic transmission)

through Japan's tiny streets. The boxy shape was the natural result of seeking maximum cabin space over the cars' minimum footprint.

The xB belongs to a larger class of vehicle, but the styling vocabulary is right out of the kei playbook. The car is, in fact, a warmed-over Japanese market car called the bB (for "Black Box").

What with all the context, it's easy to overlook what the Scion xB is actually like to drive. The answer: The 1.5-liter, 108-horsepower inline-4, with variable-valve timing, is certainly a competent

engine, but the automatic transmission smothers torque. The car is lively around town, but it labors at freeway speeds.

It handles as you'd expect, with crisp but by-no-means-razor-sharp reactions to steering; firm and insistent brakes; and stable posture in corners but with a front-driver's appetite for hard cornering.

I suspect there are a lot of boomers out there who will buy the xB, too. You can't beat it for value and practicality, and there's no law saying you have to use it to go clubbing.

DAN NEIL (L.A. TIMES)

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Local Customs

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AIRPORTS | Customs rules are complicated, dictated by such ephemera as pest infestations, foot-and-mouth outbreaks and industry lobbying. To muddle matters further, jurisdiction over immigration and customs used to be shared by three federal departments: Justice, Treasury and Agriculture. Since March, Homeland Security has been in charge.

If you haven't traveled abroad in the past few years, you may be surprised at customs rules. Some key revisions and trouble spots:

Higher duty-free limits: You can bring back up to \$800 worth of goods for personal use from most countries without paying duty, instead of \$400. There are exceptions. The cutoff is still \$600 coming from most Caribbean countries and \$1,200 from the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Guam.

Food fight: Among the most commonly violated regulations are those involving plants and food. Says Janice Mosher, who manages the customer service center at the Customs & Border Protection division of the Department of Homeland Security: "If it's something you're going to put in your mouth or plant in the ground, declare it." Declaring an item doesn't mean it will be seized or you'll be fined.

Stiffer fines: If you fail to tell inspectors about a food item or plant that should be declared, you can be fined as much as \$1,000. The old fines were \$50 to \$250.

Inspectors use X-rays and beagles to sniff out contraband, among other tactics. Many people, of course, bring in banned items without being caught. Mosher likens the decision to speeding: You may get to your destination faster, but not if police catch you. Or as she puts it, referring to the dogs' signal when they find forbidden items: "If the beagle sits down, you're in trouble." JANE ENGLE (L.A. TIMES)

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

WHILE I DO NOT CONDONE illegal immigration, the argument that illegal aliens are a tax burden is simply ridiculous. Illegal immigrant workers are reducing our tax burden by having taxes withheld from their paychecks. Fearing that they could be discovered as illegal, they do not file for the refunds most would receive as a result of their low wages. Afraid of being deported, they tend to live quiet, law-abiding lives, making low-income neighborhoods safer. They also are willing to work jobs deemed undesirable to most Americans, who would rather accept welfare.

—TSVETANA BRUSER
Alexandria, Va.

THE GREEN LINE TRAINS from Branch Avenue into and out of the city during the core commuting hours are a nightmare! Someone at Metro needs to survey the ridership and make some serious adjustments to train operations. Every day these trains are jam-packed and they still have not increased the frequency or the number of cars.

It just does not seem fair to the riders who require public transportation to be treated in such a cattle-like manner.

—DAWNA L. POWELL
Accokeek, Md.

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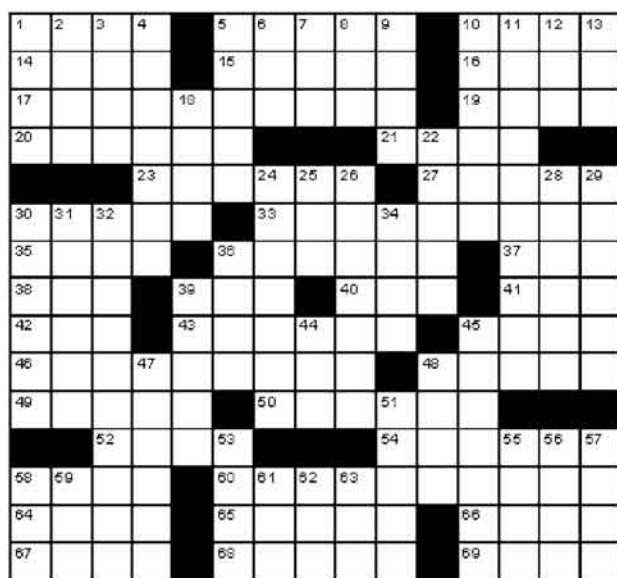
Yesterday's Solutions



Crossword Puzzle: Elemental | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Kaspárov's coup de grâce
- 5 Long-tailed parrot
- 10 Unicorn feature, e.g.
- 14 The same, in a bibliography
- 15 Invisible appetizer
- 16 Song sung solo
- 17 Elemental duplicate?
- 19 Shade starter
- 20 Off base
- 21 Rim coating, sometimes
- 23 Quenches
- 27 Showed disapproval
- 30 Type of moth
- 33 Elemental choo-choo?
- 35 Weirdly odd, spelled oddly
- 36 Surround sound's inferior
- 37 What chit-chat may break
- 38 Animated owner of a 40-Across
- 39 Small, moist amount
- 40 Cheers, e.g.
- 41 Limit
- 42 Little fiend
- 43 Schwarzenegger film
- 45 Cod or Fear
- 46 Elemental



luminosity?

- 48 More wan
- 49 Blown-up area
- 50 Word with metric or honor
- 52 Mmes. of Mexico City
- 54 Flowed like Dr. Dre
- 58 Chicken chaser
- 60 Elemental serpent?

64 Irish tongue

- 65 Parting word
- 66 Bourbon Street veggie
- 67 Faithful follower?
- 68 Food and shelter, e.g.
- 69 Depend upon

DOWN

- 1 Cheese lovers
- 2 Judaic month

3 Yukon or Guam (Abbr.)

- 4 Attaché's residence
- 5 Type of ray
- 6 ___ de Triomphe
- 7 Lovey-dovey sound
- 8 Fuse unit
- 9 Methods
- 10 Hounds hunt holler
- 11 Like a long speech

- 12 Part of a crater
- 13 Snooze
- 18 "For Your Eyes ___"
- 22 Regard with extreme aversion
- 24 Soldier's knapsacks
- 25 Prior, to Poe
- 26 Frozen desserts
- 28 Houdini specialty
- 29 More complex
- 30 Sign of the zodiac
- 31 Petty officers
- 32 Influence beforehand
- 34 Close
- 36 Hindu wrapper?
- 39 River mouth phenomenon
- 44 Reserved
- 45 Tree that repels insects
- 47 The jitters
- 48 Fruit tree
- 51 Lock with no key?
- 53 Peruse
- 55 Toy dog
- 56 Countess' spouse
- 57 Invasion date
- 58 Burns of documentaries
- 59 Wrath
- 61 Poem of praise
- 62 Type of chart
- 63 Group of seals

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You can get plenty done, but don't ignore those who are asking you for help with their own projects. There is time for both.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll have the chance to put two and two together and come up with an unusual sum. You can increase profits and pleasure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your ideas, good as they are, may clash with those of a superior. You can be sure that lengthy negotiation will follow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your interest will be ignited by someone not willing to pay you the attention you desire. A game of cat-and-mouse results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Though you tend to see nothing but the best in those around you, be willing to acknowledge when someone is putting you at risk.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You cannot be too self-possessed. The more confidence you demonstrate, the more likely you are to receive what you feel you deserve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You should be able to put your best foot forward without exerting any more effort than usual. Style and substance are both yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll be riding the whirlwind all day long, and in the end what you'll really need is a little rest and relaxation. A friend helps out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may be in the mood for a little more adventure than usual. You may have it once you tend to a few unavoidable duties at home and at work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Does that information you received only recently really check out? Dig a little deeper if you want to uncover the whole truth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Now is no time to strive for perfection. There are too many variables, and too many obstacles lying in your way. Do the best you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — When it rains, it pours — and you're sure to enjoy an abundance of something you may not be able to do without at this time.

WAR REPORTING

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Filmmaker **STEPHEN IVES** was online Tuesday and discussed "Reporting America at War," a three-hour documentary that chronicles the exploits of American journalists who have reported news from the battlefield. Part Two airs at 9 p.m. Wednesday on PBS.

How would you compare and contrast today's war reporters with those from previous times?

What you see when you look at war reporting over the last hundred years is a set of recurring themes. Ultimately, war correspondents reflect the existing attitudes and ethos of the culture of which they are a part. Technology has often played a dramatic role in changing the way wars are covered. But ultimately, reporters are struggling to do the same job: Somehow transmit the reality of war in a way that is still palatable to the American public.

How do you feel about the coverage of Jessica Lynch?

I think Jessica Lynch was a distraction for the media. It gave them a chance to avoid some of the independent reporting that they could have been doing. What's significant about Jessica Lynch in terms of the future is that the Army took their own cameras along on the rescue mission. It's not too big a stretch, I believe, to imagine an ever increasingly sophisticated Pentagon shooting more and more of its own "news." If that happens, it will challenge the media to avoid becoming a mouthpiece for propaganda.

Do you think September 11 changed journalism?

September 11 accentuated an already worrisome tendency in today's media to muzzle dissent and strongly critical reporting. What is new is the immense power of television to influence public opinion and the increasing politicization of some news outlets, which have taken on a partisan tone that is unprecedented.

Today on Live Online:

NOON: Sue Killam, director of Employment Services at the Kennedy Institute, talks about advantages for employers who hire disabled workers.

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INJURIES

Slatered Glass

CHRISTIAN SLATER received 20 stitches for a cut on his head after his wife, Ryan Haddon, allegedly hit the actor with a drinking glass during a fight in their Las Vegas hotel room, police



said. Haddon, a television producer, was arrested about 7 a.m. Monday on a misdemeanor battery domestic violence charge. She was taken to the Clark County jail for a mandatory 24-hour detention, and Slater was taken to Desert Springs Hospital, where he received stitches. (AP)

DEATHS

Honeymooner Forever

ART CARNEY, who played Jackie Gleason's sewer worker pal Ed Norton in the TV classic "The Honeymooners" and went on to win the 1974 Oscar for best actor in "Harry and Tonto," has died at 85. The comic actor will be forever identified as Norton, Ralph

Kramden's bowling buddy and not-too-bright upstairs neighbor on "The Honeymooners." Carney



died in Chester, Conn., on Sunday. He had been ill for some time. "The first time I saw the guy act," Gleason once said, "I knew I would have to work twice as hard for my laughs. He was funny as hell." (AP)

SECRET RUMORS

Everyone Knows, OK?

The Italian Newspaper Publishers Association on Tuesday condemned as a "very grave act" the failure to distribute newspapers in Britain containing details of a rumor about **PRINCE CHARLES**. Details of the allegations made by a former royal valet have appeared in some foreign newspapers and online, but a court order forbids reporting on

HEROES

Picture Perfect

Larry Flynt claims he bought nude photos of Pfc. **JESSICA LYNCH** last month for Hustler magazine, but changed his mind because she is a "good kid ... and a victim of the Bush administration." Meanwhile, a non-commenting Lynch collected a Glamour Woman of the Year award, as did a fellow Iraq POW, Army Specialist **SHOSHANA JOHNSON**. (AP)



JENNIFER GRAYLOCK/AP



GREGORY BULL/AP

Fawcett was to play a beauty queen.

BROADWAY

Can She Keep the Tiara?

"Bobbi Boland," the \$2 million comedy starring **FARRAH FAWCETT**, closed Sunday after seven preview performances, two weeks before its scheduled Nov. 24 opening at Broadway's Cort Theatre. "The play simply does not work in a Broadway house," producer Joyce Johnson said Monday. "The vivid characters that I saw [off-Broadway] did not transfer to the Cort. It's as simple as that." (AP)

the alleged incident in Britain. W.H. Smith, the news retailer, confirmed Monday that 14 foreign newspapers were not available for sale in Britain over the weekend because of a decision by the distributor. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Eight out of 10 Britons aged 16 to 24 believe the royal family is out of touch and overprivileged, but good for the tourist industry, said a British newspaper poll. (AP)



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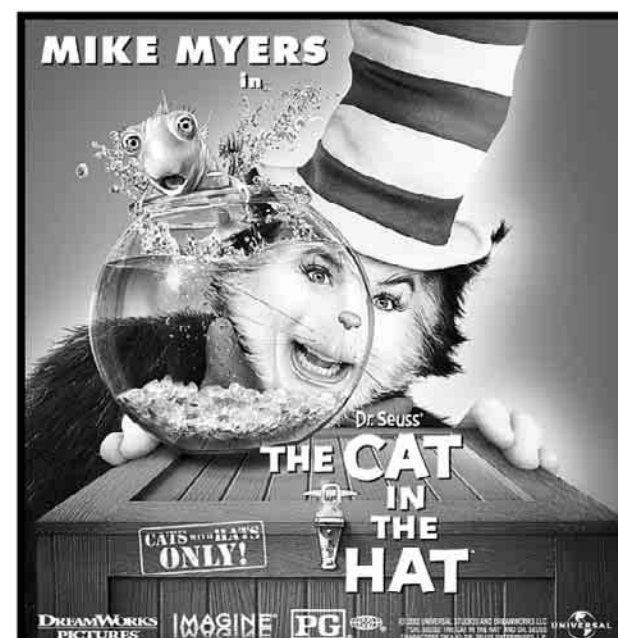
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